THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE KING's Commiſſion of the Peace, AND *Oyer* and *Terminer*, and *Goal-Delivery* of the *County-Goal*, held for the COUNTY of *Surry*, at *Kingſton* upon *Thames*,

On *Wedneſday* and *Thurſday*, being the 30th and 31ſt of *March*, and *Friday*, *Saturday* and *Monday*, the 1ſt, 2d and 4th of *April*, in the Twelfth Year of His MAJESTY's Reign.

12. April. 1726.

BEFORE the Lord Chief Juſtice *Raymond*, and Mr. Juſtice *Denton*; with ſeveral of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Surrey*.

JURORS Names.

Thomas Core,	*Charles Buckland*,
Vincent Hollis,	*Thomas Sanders*,
Thomas Bunford,	*Richard Neal*,
Juſtice Pierce,	*Henry Dudly*,
John Walter,	*Richard Edmunds*,
Robert Parkhurſt,	*Charles Fiſher*.

Michael Fenner, was indicted for ſtealing a Basket of Fowls, the Goods of *Michael Stacey*; but the Evidence not being ſufficient, he was acquitted.

He was a ſecond Time indicted for ſtealing a Pair of Boots and Stockings, and acquitted of that alſo.

Thomas Heſter, was indicted for ſtealing a Cow from *John Fleetwood*; the Evidence being poſitive, and his Defence trifling, the Jury found him guilty capitally.

Edward Heddington, was indicted for ſtealing from *Edward Scot*, at the late Fire in St. *Olave-Street*, a Riding-Hood, value 10 *s.* and a Shop-Book, value 1 *s.* the Goods were found upon him. The Proſecutor depos'd, That he ſaw the Priſoner making off with the Things, whereupon he ſtop'd him, and challeng'd them. The Priſoner in his Defence ſaid, He found them in the Street, and had like to have trod upon them, but that appearing to be falſe, he was brought in guilty to the Value of 10 *d.*

John Harris, was indicted for aſſaulting *Mary Dent* in *St. George's-Fields*, and there having the carnal Knowledge of her Body without her Conſent. The Proſecutor depos'd, That ſhe was going towards *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields* with ſome Goods of her Husband's, and by the Way met with the Priſoner, who after went with her to ſee a Friend of hers in *Weſtminſter*; but ſtaying there till it was pretty late, her Friend would have ſent a Servant of his home with her; but the Priſoner oppos'd that, ſaying, he would ſee her ſafe over the Water himſelf (ſhe living in St. *George's* Pariſh, *Southwark*) but in ſeeing me home, when we came into St. *George's Fields* he offer'd Rudeneſs, and there had the carnal Knowledge of my Body without my Conſent. I was afraid to tell my Husband of it that Night, but I acquainted him with it the next Morning. The Proſecutor own'd that ſhe drank Part of half a Pint of Wine with the Priſoner after the Rape was committed: It appearing to the Court that they parted good Friends, and he calling ſeveral credible Perſons who gave him a very good Character, the Jury acquitted him.

William Blewet, *Edward Burnworth*, alias *Burnworth*, alias *Frazier*, *Emanuel Dickenſon*, *Thomas Berry*, alias *Teague*, *John Legee*, alias *Large*, alias *Legge*, and *John Higgs*, alias *Hicks*, were indicted, the two firſt for the Murder of *Thomas Ball*, by giving him a mortal Wound near the Left Pap with a leaden Bullet, diſcharged from a Piſtol, on the 24th Day of *January* laſt, of which he inſtantly dy'd; and the reſt for being aiding, abetting, aſſiſting, comforting, and maintaining the ſaid *William Blewet* and *Edward Burnworth*, &c. in the ſaid Murder. The Council for his Majeſty being Mr. Serjeant *Whitacre*, *Leonard Street*, Eſq; and *Philip Ward*, Eſq; who open'd the Indictment, ſetting forth, the Nature of the Crime, together with the tender Care that his Majeſty, as a true Father of his People, had ſhewn for the Preſervation of their Lives and Properties, in cauſing the Priſoners to be apprehended. *Edward Burnworth* refuſing to plead till a Watch, an Hat and Perriwig, and other Things taken from him by the Perſons who apprehended him, were reſtor'd, had a Sentence of being preſs'd to Death paſs'd upon him, and being carried from the Bar to undergo the ſame, the Court proceeded to the Trial of the others.

William Marjoram, alias *Huggedie*, the firſt Evidence for the King, depos'd as followeth, That on the 24th of *January*, the Day mention'd in the Indictment, himſelf and *Burnworth*, *Legee* and *Higgs* met at an Alehouſe in *White-Horſe Alley*, in *Chick-Lane*, and from thence went into the Fields, having then four or five Piſtols about them, which they diſcharged ſeveral Times to try whether they were in Order or not, then proceeded on to *Copenhagen-Houſe*, where they met with *Blewet*, *Dickenſon*, *Berry*, and *Wilſon*, (the laſt not yet taken) who ſaid they had been ſhooting of Birds, they all ſhook Hands together, and each Company ſpent about Eighteen-Pence; after which they joyn'd Reckonings and ſpent a Shilling more, and then went to Caſting of Bullets in a Mould, at which *Burnworth* had an expert Hand, and diſtributed them amongſt the Company; they went next to cleaning of their Piſtols, which were then about Eight or Ten: From *Copenhagen-Houſe* they went to *Black Mary's-Hole*, where after ſpending about ſeven Shillings in Brandy, Beer and Geneva, they came towards *Chick-Lane* again, but being met in *Turnmill-Street* by Captain *Walker*, the Keeper of *New-Priſon*, and he calling out to *Burnworth*, in order to have ſome Talk with him, they fell to high Words, and *Burnworth*, clapping his Hands to his Pockets, as if he intended to draw his Piſtols, the Captain left him, but a Mob being gather'd, and the High-Conſtable having ſome Intelligence of 'em, they all took through *White-Horſe-Alley*, ſwearing, they would ſhoot the firſt Man that ſhould follow them; they then made their Way together to *Black-fryers Stairs*, where taking Water, and landing at *Paris-Garden Stairs*, they proceeded to the *Gun Muſick-Houſe* in St. *George's-Fields*, where they danc'd in Company with three Women till about Five in the Evening; that *Legee* had Converſation with one of the Women in a private Room; they being

being all come out of the *Muſick-Houſe* into the Fields, and it being then quite dark, *Burnworth* propos'd going to Mr. *Ball*'s Houſe to kill him, and ask'd the reſt if they wou'd conſent to it, and they all agreed except *Higgs*, who declar'd he would not go; that when they came into Mr. *Ball*'s Houſe, his Wife was ſetting by the Fire; they ask'd her for her Husband, ſhe told them he was not at Home, but he unfortunately being at the Door, juſt coming in, *Burnworth* took him by the Collar and forcibly brought him into the Houſe, and ſet him in a Chair by the Fire-Side, upon which his Wife ſuſpecting ſomething villainous, endeavour'd to get into the Street, when *Legee* putting a Piſtol to her Breaſt, ſwore if ſhe offer'd to ſtir, he wou'd ſhoot her; that *Burnworth* ask'd *Ball* how he could be ſuch a Rogue as to ſeek his Life, by endeavouring to apprehend him the *Saturday* Night before, but, ſays he, I'll prevent that for the Future, for I now will have your Life, and with that he lift up his Left Arm, and taking a Piſtol from his Waiſt-coat Pocket, ſhot him near the Left Pap, of which Wound he died; that the Noiſe having drawn a Concourſe of People about the Houſe, ſeveral attempted to come in, when *Berry* with a Piſtol in his Hand, ſwore he would ſhoot the firſt Perſon that enter'd; that they then all went out of the Houſe, and the People continuing in great Numbers in the Street, *Blewet* fir'd a Piſtol over their Heads, which diſpers'd the Crowd; that then they came to the *Falcon ſtairs*, and meeting there with *Higgs*, he came over the Water with them to *Pig-Stairs*, and that in *Fleet-ſtreet* they ſeparated, *Higgs* and this Evidence going together.

Anne Ball, Wife of the Deceas'd, depos'd as follows: On the 24th of *January* laſt, in the Evening, I was ſitting by my Fire's-ſide, and the Priſoners came in two by two, to the Number of 7 or 8; *Burnworth* ask'd me for my Husband, and I ſaid he was not within, but if they wanted him I would call him; whereupon, I being apprehenſive of their vile Deſign, was going out in order to give my Husband Notice of what Company there was in my Houſe, that he might not come Home; but ſome of them cry'd, ſtop the Bitch: Juſt at that time my Husband unhappily enter'd the Door, whereupon they violently drew him into the Houſe, forc'd him to ſit down, drew down the Saſh of the Window, and bolted the outward Door. My Husband then ſaid to *Blewet*, I hope you deſign me no Harm, I never intended you any. No, reply'd *Blewet*, nor never ſhall. Upon which, *Burnworth* ſtep'd up to the Deceas'd, lift up his left Arm, and put a Piſtol to his Breaſt. I then run out at the Back-door, but before I could get to a Neighbour's Houſe, I heard the Piſtol go off. When they came to the Fore-door of my Houſe, they diſcharg'd another Piſtol, ſaying, now follow who dare, and then went their Way.

Richard Ball, Brother to the Deceas'd, thus depos'd: I and my Brother were drinking at the *Standard* Ale-Houſe, which is near my Brother's Houſe, and he being ſent for home, I deſir'd he would not ſtay; he ſaid he wou'd only cut a Pork-Stake for Supper (he then having Pork in the Houſe) and return again preſently; but finding he ſtay'd longer than ordinary, I grew impatient, and was reſolv'd to know the Occaſion of his tarrying; accordingly, I follow'd him home, having at that time an oaken Stick in my Hand. When I came to my Brother's Houſe, putting my Head over a Settle that ſtands in the Drinking-Room, I ſaw *Blewet* and *Burnworth*, and the Houſe in Diſorder and Confuſion, and meeting with ſome Inſults from *Blewet*, I made an Offer at him with my Stick, upon which, a Piſtol was diſcharg'd, but by whom I can't ſay.

A Woman depos'd, That ſhe ſaw *Higgs* with a Piſtol in his Hand, in and about Mr. *Ball*'s Houſe, at the Time he was murder'd, ſhe being then preſent in the Room. *Marjoram* being ask'd, if he ſaw that Evidence in the Houſe, he ſaid, he did; and being alſo ask'd if he could take upon him to ſwear, that *Higgs* was not preſent at the Murder, he ſaid, he could not.

Captain *Walker*, the Keeper of *New-Priſon*, confirm'd that Part of *Marjoram*'s Evidence, relating to his meeting the Priſoners in *Turnmill-Street*, and that he deſign'd to follow them, in order to have apprehended *Blewet* and *Burnworth*, but that a Gentleman telling him they had threaten'd to ſhoot the firſt Man that follow'd, he declin'd it.

A Waterman depos'd, That he carry'd eight Perſons in his Boat from *Black-Fryers* Stairs to *Paris-Garden* Stairs, on the 24th of *January* laſt, and that he could remember the Faces of ſeveral of the Priſoners to be of that Company.

A young Woman that danc'd with them at the *Gun Muſick-Houſe*, depos'd, That *Legee* enquir'd of her if Mr. *Ball* ever us'd that Houſe, ſhe ſaying he did not, he took out a Piſtol, and told her, there was that which ſhould do his Buſineſs, and in Half an Hour after ſhe heard that Mr. *Ball* was murder'd.

Mrs. *Jones*, that keeps *Copenhagen-Houſe*, and a Boy, confirm'd their meeting and making Bullets at her Houſe on the 24th of *January* laſt; that ſhe car'd not for their Company, and wanted them to be gone, but they pretended they met there only to ſhoot Birds.

Mr. *Allen* depos'd, That being in a Drinking-Cellar at *Charing-Croſs*, the Night Mr. *Ball* was murder'd, *Blewet*, *Dickenſon*, and *Burnworth* came there, when he heard *Burnworth* ſay to his Companions, *Han't I tipp'd it* Tom Ball.

The Priſoners being call'd on to make their Defence, *Berry* produc'd a Letter, as from *Marjoram*, wherein *Marjoram* ſaid, he could not ſwear that he, *Berry*, was any way concern'd in the Murder, and call'd his Mother and Siſter to prove, that *Marjoram* had ſaid the ſame thing to them. *Marjoram* being call'd upon, own'd, Mrs. *Berry* had given him Half a Guinea not to ſwear that her Son was in the Room, which he ſaid he would do, but inſiſted upon his being in the Entry and about the Door, and was very active.

The others had very little to ſay in their Defence, only endeavour'd to prove the Evidences contradicted one another in ſome trifling Circumſtances, as to Time and Place, which appear'd to be of very little Weight. After a full Hearing, the Jury brought them all in guilty of wilful Murder.

Edward Burnworth, having endur'd great Tortures in the Preſs, deſir'd to be brought into Court, where, upon his humble Application to the Judge that his Sentence of being preſs'd to Death might be remitted, the Court was pleas'd to order it, and that he ſhould be heard, when being arraign'd, he pleaded Not Guilty, and the Evidence againſt him being the ſame as before, and his Defence being very inſignificant, the Jury found him alſo guilty of Willful Murder.

Mary Hayward, was indicted for ſtealing a Shoulder of Mutton, and Part of a Breaſt, from Mr. *Biggs*. The Proſecutor depos'd, That he took a Conſtable along with him in order to ſearch the Priſoner's Lodgings; when he came there he found the Shoulder under the Bed, and the Breaſt ſhe was boiling. The Proſecutor was poſitive the Meat was his own, he having a peculiar Way of Dreſſing it different from others. The Priſoner in her Defence ſaid, She was big with Child, and long'd for the Meat, and that it would not have done her half ſo much Good if it had been given her, as if ſhe had ſtole it. The Jury found her guilty to the Value of 10 *d.*

She was a ſecond Time indicted for ſtealing a Braſs Mortar, which was found in her Trunk. The Judge deſir'd to know if ſhe long'd for that too. The Jury found her guilty to the Value of 10*d.*

William Todd, was indicted for ſtealing 9*s.* and 3*d.* in Money from *Francis Clarke*. The Proſecutor depos'd, That as ſhe was ſtanding at a Neighbour's Door, the Priſoner gave her Pocket a pull; ſhe felt him, and run after him, took him, and found the Money upon him. He made a poor Defence. Guilty.

Thomas Moor, was indicted for ſtealing from *Joſeph Widmerpool*, a Braſs Fender, Shovel, Tongs, and a Pair of Iron Dogs. The Proſecutor depos'd, That the Goods was ſold to one *Sarah Penton*; and the ſaid *Penton* appearing in Court as an Evidence againſt the Priſoner, prov'd that ſhe bought the Goods of him. The Priſoner not being able to give any Account how he came by them, the Jury brought him in guilty to the Value of 10*d.*

Sarah Price, alias *Cockhar-Plump*, was indicted for ſtealing a Silver Watch from *Robert Bridle*. The Proſecutor

ſecutor depos'd, That as he was going through the *Mint*, he went into a Houſe to drink, where he met with the Priſoner, who ask'd him if he would give her a Glaſs of Wine: He ſaid he did not care if he did. They drank together there, and went from thence to another Tavern, where he call'd for another Pint of Wine, but before it was brought, he had occaſion to make Water, and going into the Yard the Priſoner follow'd him, and there pick'd his Pocket of his Watch. The Priſoner ſaid in her Defence, that the Proſecutor would have lain with her in the Houſe-of-Office, which ſhe would have comply'd with, but he having no Money to give her, let her have his Watch to carry to Pawn. Guilty.

Samuel Caſely, was indicted for ſtealing three Braſs Screws from *Edmund Halſey*, Eſq; The Evidence for the Proſecutor thus depos'd, I was going to Start ſome Beer, and miſſing the Screws belonging to ſome Leathern-Pipe neceſſary in that Part of the Buſineſs, he charg'd the Priſoner with them, who confeſs'd the ſame. Guilty, 10 *d.*

Oliver Vannum was indicted for ſtealing a Linnen Gown from *John* and *Mary Taylor*. The Proſecutor depos'd, That his Wife's Gown was in a Tub of Water that ſtood at the Door, and hearing the Water ſuddenly run over, he went out to ſee the Occaſion of it, and obſerving the Priſoner to run, and miſſing the Gown, he run after him and took it upon him. Guilty, 10 *d.*

William Yates was indicted for the Murder of *John Allen*, by mortally bruiſing him in a Boxing-Match, of which Bruiſes he died in half an Hour. The Priſoner, in his Defence, thus depos'd: I and the Deceas'd were playing a Match at Cricket, and the Deceas'd doing ſome things which I did not like, together with my being in a fair Way to loſe, ruffled my Temper; whereupon I went up to the Deceas'd and deſir'd him to be eaſy, otherwiſe I would knock him on the Head with my Bat. The Deceas'd ſtill perſiſting to provoke me, I challeng'd him to Box, but he refuſing, ſaying I knew his Hands were ty'd behind him; (he being then bound over) I was eaſy, and all was quiet. At laſt, when I was coming home with my Wife, he call'd after me to fight him. I, not willing to be thought a Coward, went back; we ſtripp'd, and went into a Pound, where we fought ſome time, till he allow'd me to be the beſt Man. The Pound being lock'd, we were both oblig'd to get over the Rails, and he, in all Appearance, got over as well as I. Guilty of Manſlaughter.

Daniel Stere, was indicted for ſtealing a Mare. The Proſecutor depos'd, that his Mare was taken out of his Orchard, that as ſoon as he miſs'd his Mare, he publiſh'd a Reward of a Guinea to any one that would bring him his Mare again; ſoon after which, hearing a Man and Mare was ſecur'd, he went to look on the Mare, which prov'd to be his own. Guilty.

Alexander Goodel, was indicted for ſtealing a Parcel of Pipe-Lead from *William Fowler*. The Proſecutor depos'd, That his Lead lay in an empty Houſe, and a Carpenter, who was then doing Buſineſs for him, going to fetch the Lead in order to make Uſe of it, it was gone. Upon Enquiry, they found it in an Houſe kept by the People whereof frequently bought old Iron, Lead, and ſuch like Stuff. The Priſoner being ſuſpected and tax'd with ſtealing it, and a Witneſs appearing who ſaw him bring it down the Stairs of the ſaid empty Houſe, the Jury found him guilty to the Value of 10 *d.*

John Black, was indicted for breaking open an Out-houſe of *Mary Woodward*, and ſtealing ſeven Rabits, value 20 *s.* The Proſecutor depos'd, That ſhe kept her Rabits in an Out-houſe, that in the Morning ſhe went to feed her Rabits as uſual, and found that the Staple of the Door was drawn, and her Rabits gone. His Defence being but trifling, and the Proſecutor knowing the particular Marks of her Rabits, the Jury found him guilty to the Value of 10 *d.*

John Merchant, and *Anne Britaine*, were indicted for breaking open the Houſe of *Joſeph Greenway*, in the Night, and ſtealing from thence two Silver Tea-Spoons, a large Silver Spoon, a pair of Window Curtains, and other Things. They brought ſeveral Witneſſes to prove they were at another Place when the Fact was committed, and none of the Goods being found upon them, the Jury acquitted them.

Robert Greenwood and *Anne Greenwood* were indicted for ſtealing nine Yards of broad Cloth off the Tenter-hooks of *Thomas North*; but the Evidence not being ſufficient to prove it, the Jury acquitted them.

Edward Hodgskins, was indicted for breaking open the Houſe of *William Hall*, and taking a Cloth Waiſtcoat, Shirt, and two Razors. The Proſecutor depos'd thus; I live in *Hampſhire*, my Shop was broke open in the Night, and the Goods taken away. In the Morning when I miſs'd my Things, I ſent ſeveral Perſons out, ſome one Way, and ſome another; at laſt he was overtaken, and appearing to be a ſhabby Fellow, they tax'd him with the Things, and upon Search, they found them upon him. The Proſecutor not being able to prove he broke open the Shop, he was found guilty of the Felony only.

Rebecca Gregory, and *Elizabeth Tangate*, were indicted for ſtealing a Suit of black Silk, a black ſilk Gown, a black Scarf, &c. from *Elizabeth Allen*. The Proſecutor's Evidence not being ſufficient to convict them, they were acquitted

They were a ſecond Time indicted for ſtealing Eight Seven-Pound leaden Weights from *Richard Cromwell*. The Proſecutor depos'd thus, I live at *Loman's Pond*, in the Park, *Southwark*. The Priſoners came to take Lodgings of me, accordingly I lett them, and they liv'd with me about a Fortnight. *Rebecca Gregory* left my Houſe before the other ſome time, ſoon after which I miſs'd my Weights, and threatning *Elizabeth Tangate* about them, ſhe confeſs'd that her Comrade had ſtole them and ſold them at ſuch a Place. Whereupon I went to that Place, and had three of my Weights again. *Elizabeth Tangate* was clear'd, but *Rebecca Gregory* found guilty.

Lawrence Swainman, was indicted for ſtealing a Bay Stone-horſe from a Perſon unknown. The Evidence depos'd, that the Horſe was taken out of the Stable about One or Two a-Clock in the Morning; and as he was that Day walking along the Road, he ſaw the Horſe (knowing it very well) and the Priſoner on his Back. He went up to him and ask'd him how he came by that Horſe? The Priſoner in his Defence ſaid, he was going a great Way into the Country, and that having neither Shoes nor Stockings on his Feet, and ſeeing the Horſe in a Yard, he being very weary, took it to ride a little Way, in order to eaſe himſelf. Guilty.

Samuel Clark was indicted for the Murder of *Anne George*, by riding over her with his Horſe; but it appearing to be purely accidental, and ſeveral Perſons of Reputation appearing, who gave him the Character of a very ſober, quiet Man, the Jury acquitted him.

Robert Edwards was indicted for ſtealing 9 *s.* and 9 *d.* half-penny in Money from *Rebecca Hollingsworth*. The Proſecutor thus depos'd: As I was going along by St. *George's* Church, where ſome Men were fighting, and occaſion'd ſuch a Crowd, that I could not preſently get by, and feeling ſomething touch my Petticoats, I look'd down, and caught the Priſoner's Hand in my Pocket. Guilty.

John Goodbury and *Charles Lovel* were indicted for ſtealing a Money-box and 18 *s.* out of the Shop of *Andrew Hearn*; but there being a Fault in the Indictment, they were acquitted.

Charles Moodey was indicted for ſtealing a Cloath Coat out of the Shop of *William Varnam*; the Goods of *Edward Mors*. The Proſecutor thus depos'd. My Coat lay upon a Cask in Mr. *Varnam's* Shop, and I having occaſion'd to go backwards when I return'd miſs'd my Coat. The Priſoner having been drinking in the Shop juſt before, I ſuſpected him, and running after him, found my Coat upon him. Another Evidence depos'd, ſhe ſaw him take it. Guilty.

Henry Parr and *Thomas Parr* were indicted for ſtealing a fat Sheep from *Robert Hawkins*, and three Pieces of Dowlas from *Katherine Middleton*; but the Evidence not being ſufficient to prove the Fact, they were acquitted.

Richard Marſhall, was indicted for ſtealing a Sheep. The Proſecutor thus depos'd, Going one Morning into my Grounds, I miſs'd a Sheep, and looking about for it, I diſcover'd ſome Blood upon the Graſs, and

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Track'd the Blood from thence quite to the Prisoner's House, where, upon Search, I found four Quarters of Mutton; the Skin they had taken off, and flung into a Ditch, which I also found, and knew to be mine by the Mark. The Prisoner confess'd the Fact, but said, it was the first Time that ever he stole. Guilty.

Robert Trivet, was indicted for stealing out of the Shop of *John Perry*, a Bag of Half-Pence, number'd 5 *s.* and 4 *d.* but the Indictment being laid wrong, he was acquitted.

Richard Blackborn, was indicted for robbing *John Skreen*, near *Dartford*, of 5 *s.* The Prosecutor depos'd thus, I and my Mother were going over *Putney-Common* between Seven and Eight at Night, and I seeing two Men running after us, was somewhat fearful, my Mother encourag'd me, by saying, they were Working Men, and were going home to their Families, (it being *Saturday* Night.) After this the Men parted, and the Prisoner came up with us, and beat my Mother about the Head with a Pistol: He took from her a Suit of Cloaths, and from me 5 *s.* in Money. The Prosecutor's Mother depos'd to the same Purpose, but she being so unmercifully beat about the Head, could not swear to the Prisoner. The Prosecutor, however, was positive in his Evidence that the Prisoner was the Man who robb'd them. Guilty.

Joseph Howse was indicted for stealing a Boat, Oars, and a Chest-of-Drawers, the Goods of *Henry Coole* and *Robt. Gardiner*. The latter depos'd thus, My Chest-of-Drawers was in *Coole*'s Boat, which lay ready at the *Three-Cranes* to go for *Brentford*; the Prisoner row'd the Boat away to another Place, and there landing the Goods, carry'd them to his Brother-in-Law's in order for Sale. The Prisoner having little to say in his Defence, the Jury found him guilty.

Richard Sturt and *Elizabeth Bryant* were indicted for breaking open the House of *Sarah Pennycode*, and taking several Things of value. The Prosecutor depos'd thus. I live on *Katherine-hill* near *Guilford*, and one day having some Business in a neighbouring Village, I went, but at my Return, found somebody had entred my House at the Window, the Bar whereof was broke, (which she produc'd in Court) upon looking into my Drawers, I miss'd 9 *s.* in Money, a Handkerchief, *&c.* The Prisoners loitering about near the Place, I had a Suspicion of them, and caus'd them to be apprehended. I found a great deal of Money upon *Elizabeth Bryant* together with my silk Handkerchief, and desir'd to know how she came by them, of which she could give no Account. *Richard Sturt*, in his Defence, prov'd that he had liv'd in the Parish many Years, and always bore a good Character. As for the Woman, she could give no Account at all of herself; whereupon the Jury acquitted the Man, and found the Woman Guilty.

Joseph Low was indicted for stealing a Silver Pint Pot out of the House of *Francis Roach*. The Fact seem'd to appear plain against him; but he bringing several Persons of Reputation, who gave him the best of Characters as to his Honesty; only, they said, sometimes he would be guilty of very unaccountable Actions, such as lying in Bed for six Weeks together, and doing all under him, &c. whereupon his taking the Mug was judg'd to be the Effect of Lunacy. Acquitted.

Richard Hughes, was indicted for stealing several Pewter Pots out of the House of *William Carter*. The Prosecutor thus depos'd, That he renting the Tap at the *Ship Inn* in the *Borough*, *Southwark*, and as he was setting by the Fire, he heard some Pots rattle, and running to see the Occasion of it, he took the Prisoner with the Pots upon him. Another Evidence produc'd in Court two Pen-knives which the Prisoner pull'd out, and swore he would with them stab whoever should attempt to lay hold of him. Guilty.

Richard Sturt was indicted for stealing one Shirt and two Aprons, the Property of *Thomas Walton*. The Prosecutor thus depos'd. I went from my own House to a Neighbour's for a Candle; I was not gone above four Minutes, when, at my return, I found the Prisoner in my House. He got away from me, but I crying stop Thief, he dropt the Things. I pursu'd and took him. Guilty.

John Vincent, was indicted for stealing Three Half Crowns and Half a Guinea out of the House of *William Snelling*; but the Evidence not being sufficient to convict him he was acquitted.

Mary Morris was indicted for marrying two Husbands, her former Husband being alive. But it appearing the Prosecution was vile, and the pretended first Husband not being able to produce any Proof of his ever having been marry'd to her, she was acquitted.

Christopher Leonard was indicted for assaulting and threatening the Life of *Anne Ball*. *Anne Ball* thus depos'd. The Prisoner and *Edward Burnworth*, alias *Frazier*, came into my House about 5 or 6 Months ago, and asking for my Husband, I told them he was not at home. Then you are, you Bitch, reply'd the Prisoner, and with that discharg'd a Pistol in my Face; adding, that if the Son of a Bitch, my Husband, should come in to take my Part, he had a Pistol loaded with Slugs, with which he would shoot his Brain over this Man's Head, (meaning *Burnworth*) and drew it out. After which they left my House, and *Burnworth* said as they were going out, You're a foolish Dog to revenge yourself on the Woman. The Prisoner in his Defence, own'd that he discharg'd the Pistol, but not with an intent to kill or hurt her, he also prov'd that he had been several Times since in her House, and that there was all the Appearance of Friendship that could be between them, she having often said, that she look'd upon it only as a foolish Maggot, and several Times offer'd to make it up for a valuable Consideration. Upon the whole, there appearing no Malice propense, and that his Design in coming to the House was not to kill her. The Jury acquitted him.

The Tryals being over, Mr. Justice Denton made a most pathetick and moving Speech to the Criminals, directing himself in particular to those convicted for the Murder of Thomas Ball; after which the Court proceeded to give Judgment as follows.

Receiv'd Sentence of Death, 13.

William Blewet, Edward Burnworth, Emanuel Dickenson, Thomas Berry, John Legee, John Higgs, Daniel Stere, Lawrence Wainman, William Todd, Robert Edwards, Richard Blackbourn, Elizabeth Brian, and Sarah Price.

Burnt in the Hand, 4.

Joseph Howse, William Yates, Elizabeth Ward, and Thomas Hester.

To be Whipt, 9.

Elizabeth Goodwell, Richard Hughes, Thomas Moore, Samuel Casely, Mary Hayward, Edward Hedington, Oliver Vannum, Richard Sturt, and John Bluck.

To be Transported, 6.

Richd. Marshal, Edward Hodgskins, Rebecca Gregory, Charles Moodey, John Harris, and Mary Griffith.

God save King *GEORGE*.

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